



## **CRAVEN COUNTY PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

### Section 1

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified as a communicable disease which can cause severe sickness in and death of infected individuals. In turn, COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by national and international health agencies and constitutes an immediate and severe threat to the health and safety of all persons.

### Section 2

The President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have declared states of emergency. Additionally, federal, state and local public health agencies have issued recommendations necessary to prevent or impede the spread of COVID-19 in an effort to protect the general population of the United States, the State of North Carolina and Craven County from infection and therefore the risk of severe sickness and/or death.

### Section 3

On March 14, 2020, a citizen of Craven County tested positive for infection from COVID-19. Adjoining counties and other jurisdictions in North Carolina have reported citizens testing positive for COVID-19. Large numbers of individuals throughout the United States have tested positive for COVID-19, and COVID-19 has resulted in the death of some infected individuals.

### Section 4

The possible effects from the COVID-19 pandemic constitute a public health emergency which may necessitate the implementation of various emergency directives and orders to protect the citizens of Craven County from sickness and death, including but not limited to (i) the commitment of additional resources to public health agencies in order to diagnose, test, quarantine and/or treat

individuals infected by COVID-19; (ii) the mobilization of first responders and law enforcement officers to protect the safety and property of Craven County citizens; and (iii) the coordination of the responses of Craven County employees and officials to the COVID-19 pandemic with the efforts of other federal, state and local authorities.

#### Section 5

Pursuant to Chapter 12 of Craven County's Code of Ordinances and Chapter 166A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and as Chairperson of Craven County's Board of Commissioners, I have the authority to declare states of emergency.

#### Section 6

Therefore, and based upon the foregoing sections of this Proclamations and the best information provided by public health authorities concerning COVID-19, I hereby **DECLARE** that a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** exists in Craven County **effective at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.** This State of Emergency will *continue until cancelled or rescinded.*

#### Section 7

All Craven County employees and officials are hereby directed to assist public health authorities, health care providers, first responders, emergency management workers and law enforcement officers in (a) the implementation of this order and (b) the protection of the health, safety and property of all Craven County citizens, subject to Craven County's emergency management plan and subject to the orders of their management or superior officers, as the case may be.

Effective this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Mark", is written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS F. MARK, Chairman,  
Craven County Board of Commissioners